

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) An assembly support designed for fastening to a body shell of a vehicle door of a passenger vehicle equipped with a locking system comprising:

a lock unit of the locking system fastened to the assembly support, ~~and~~

an outside actuating unit of the locking system for arrangement on an inner side of an outer body shell skin and coupled to the lock unit via an operative connection, and

an adaptor fastening the outside actuating unit and the lock unit together,

wherein the assembly support, when fastened to the body shell, closes an installation opening left open ~~on~~ in the body shell, ~~and wherein the outside actuating unit is fastened to at least one of the assembly support and the lock unit shell.~~

16. (Previously presented) The assembly support as claimed in claim 15, wherein the outside actuating unit is designed in such a manner that, with the assembly support fastened to the body shell, an outside door handle of the locking system can be fastened from an outer side of the vehicle door through an outer skin of the body shell to the outside actuating unit.

17. (Currently amended) The assembly support as claimed in claim 15, wherein the lock unit is fastened to the assembly support by way of ~~a first~~ another adaptor.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) The assembly support as claimed in claim 15, wherein ~~a fastening of the lock unit to the assembly support and/or of the outside actuating unit to the assembly support and/or to the lock unit permits positioning~~ repositioning of at least one of the lock unit and the outside actuating unit ~~within a predetermined range of tolerances~~ relative to the assembly support is permitted during assembly of the vehicle door.

20. (Previously presented) The assembly support as claimed in claim 15, wherein functionality of the lock unit, the outside actuating unit and the operative connection is tested and adjusted when the assembly support is finished and has not yet been fitted into the vehicle door.

21. (Currently amended) The assembly support as claimed in claim 16, wherein the lock unit is fastened to the assembly support by way of ~~a first~~ another adaptor.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The assembly support as claimed in claim 16, wherein ~~a fastening of the lock unit to the assembly support and/or of the outside actuating unit to the assembly support and/or to the lock unit permits positioning~~ repositioning of at least one of the lock unit and the outside actuating unit ~~within a predetermined range of tolerances~~ relative to the assembly support is permitted during assembly of the vehicle door.

24. (Previously presented) The assembly support as claimed in claim 16, wherein functionality of the lock unit, the outside actuating unit and the operative connection is tested and adjusted when the assembly support is finished and has not yet been fitted into the vehicle door.

25-34. (Canceled)